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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/549,848
Filed: April 14, 2000
Title: Nucleic Acid Sequences to Proteins in Tocopherol
Synthesis
Applicants: LASSNER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16516.105

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to Examiner's Amendment;
2. an original Substitute Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by Michael W. Lassner (4 pages);
3. an original Substitute Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by Beth Savidge (4 pages);
4. an original Substitute Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by Timothy A. Mitsky (4 pages);
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6. an original Substitute Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by Martha Ann Post-Beittenmiller (4 pages); and
7. a return postcard.

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petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16516.105. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

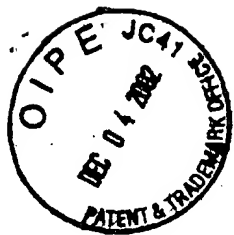


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